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 PRINTING RIBBON SECURITY APPARATUS AND METHOD

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 SICHERHEITSVORRICHTUNG UND -VERFAHREN FÜR EIN DRUCKBAND

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 APPAREIL ET PROCÉDÉ DE SÉCURISATION D'UN RUBAN D'IMPRESSION

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 [origin: US2012306986A1] An apparatus and method of securing and maintaining the integrity of desired information on a ribbon and media subsequent to a printing operation is provided. The apparatus and method includes a thermal transfer printer having a print station and a printhead operable for performing a printing operation. The printhead is capable of performing an initial print operation and then being raised from the media, thereby allowing the used ribbon to be rewound a predetermined distance about a supply spindle. Thereafter, a second print operation is performed on the space previously printed upon using characters, designs or block-out patterns and the used ribbon is then wound onto a take-up spindle. In exemplary embodiments, the used ribbon can also be reprinted with a waste media several times thus further obscuring the image on the used ribbon.

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